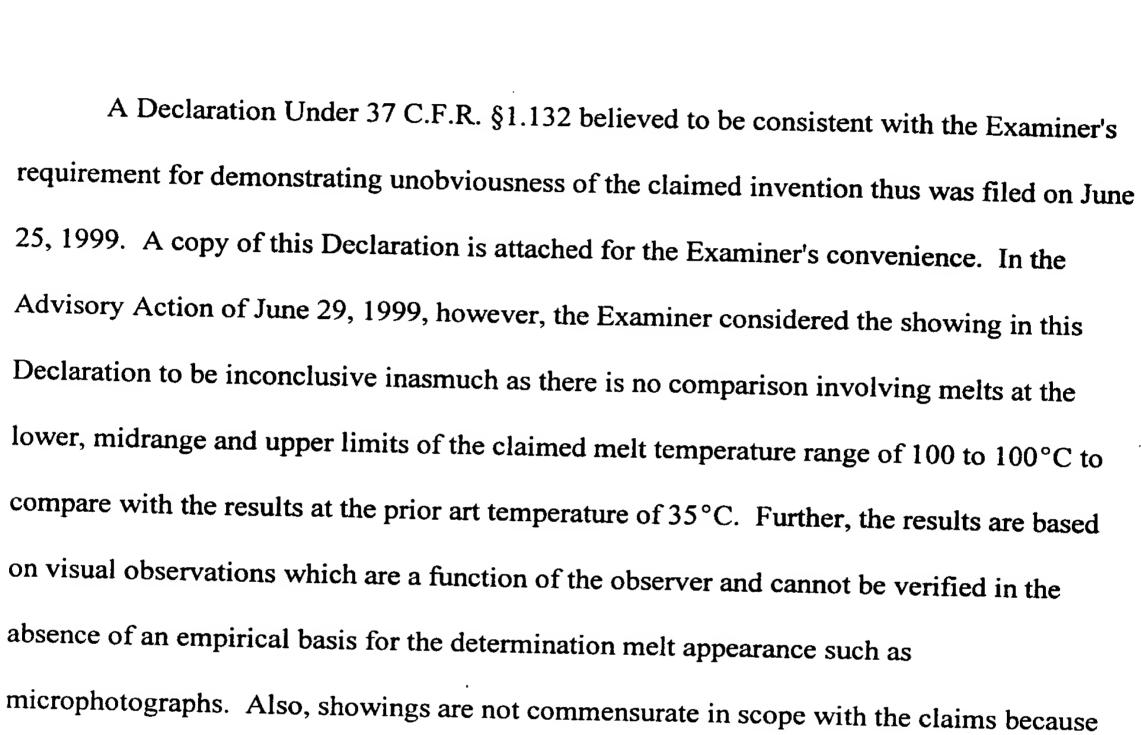
In the interview of March 16, 1999, the Examiner stated:

Evidence addressing the claimed mixing temperature range of from 100-150°C over the closest prior art temperature of 65°C in Exs. 1 and 17 of European patent would be considered for those species of flow improvers tested wherein the types and amounts of acrylic A) and flow improver B) are held constant and mixing temperatures of 65°C, 100°C and 150°C are employed.



A Supplemental Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 thus is submitted herewith addressing itself and remedying the inadequacies asserted by the Examiner. Specifically, the Declaration now factually establishes unexpected results with representative flow improvers of the claimed class at the claimed mixing temperature range, as compared to the 65°C mixing temperature of the European patent, the closest prior art. Note that the Examples in

the testing of a single type of flow improver does not confer patentability to the class of flow

improvers as claimed.

the Declaration are with the same components and concentrations, the only difference being the mixing temperatures.

Consequently, it is readily apparent that unobvious and unexpected results are obtained by the claimed invention, rebutting any possible presumption of obviousness conceivably made out by the prior art.

Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103 thus is requested.

It is submitted that the claims define a patentable invention. Their allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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